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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

GROUP 1100

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In re the Application of MUNEHISA FUJITA ET AL

Application No: 08/915,683

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For: DIRECT POSITIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC SILVER HALIDE EMULSION GROUP 1100
PHOTOGRAPHIC LIGHT-SENSITIVE MATERIAL COMPRISING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 1997, making a response due on or before ~~March 4, 1998~~

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Four times amended) An internal latent image [type] direct positive photographic silver halide emulsion comprising tabular silver halide grains having an average grain diameter of not less than $0.3 \mu\text{m}$ and an aspect ratio of from not less than 2 to not more than 100 in an amount of not less than 50% of all silver halide grains as calculated in terms of area; wherein said tabular silver halide grains are core/shell [type] grains having a core and an external shell, the average grain thickness a along the main plane of the external shell thereof is from not less than $0.2 \mu\text{m}$ to not more than $1.5 \mu\text{m}$ and the average grain thickness b perpendicular to the main plane of the external shell thereof is from not less than $0.04 \mu\text{m}$ to not more than $0.30 \mu\text{m}$; and

